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OSOW Rule updates become effective Feb. 28

The revised OSOW rule will appear at www.modot.org/osow on Feb. 28 as a downloadable PDF document. To obtain a paper copy, send an email request that includes your mailing address to ContactMCS@modot.mo.gov with the subject line "OSOW booklet request." Changes include:

- Relocating text regarding blanket permits for public utilities and sludge disposal units to the section that describes movements of a single commodity. *Section (6)(B)*
- Adding language to clarify that blanket permits are allowed for overwide and/or overlength trailers that haul superloads, when that trailer is unladen. *Section (6)(B)9*
- Clarifying the text regarding public utility blanket permits to make it similar to other limited duration blanket permits. *Section (6)(D)1*
- Increasing the minimum height of lettering on OVERSIZE LOAD or WIDE LOAD signs on escort vehicles from eight to ten inches. This brings Missouri into harmony with other states in the region in regard to letter height. *Section (8)(D)*
- Correcting the upper limit of the distance between centers of the last adjacent triple-single axle grouping for the alternative configuration of 8-axle configurations. The distance is set to a range from ten feet to thirteen feet, eleven inches. *Section (11)(C)*.
- Bringing axle configuration language up-to-date with the addition of language stating that within a tandem axle grouping, the maximum single axle weight is 24,000 pound AND within triple and quadrum axle groupings, the maximum single axle weight is 21,000 lbs. *Section (11)(D)*.



MANAGING OTHER STATES' FUEL TAX HOLIDAYS

Guidance to amend IFTA returns offered on websites

A page on the IFTA, Inc. website - www.iftach.org/important-notice.php includes guidance for carriers who traveled in jurisdictions that declared fuel tax holidays. The notice lists are searchable by date and jurisdiction.

Electronic filers using MoDOT Carrier Express can claim qualifying fuel tax holiday miles and gallons in the **Miles in Non-IFTA Jurisdictions** and **Fuel for Non-IFTA Jurisdictions** fields. Make a comment to indicate that the miles/gallons qualify for the fuel tax holidays in the specific jurisdiction(s). You must name the states/provinces specifically.

Paper return filers claim qualifying miles and gallons on Page 3 under the "additional tax rates" section.



IF YOU HAVE ALREADY FILED an IFTA return and now learn some miles/gallons are affected by a fuel tax holiday, you can choose to file an amended return if you wish. The MoDOT MCS IFTA webpage, modot.org/IFTA, includes an [Amend an IFTA Tax Return Guide](#). As with all other fuel tax documentation, be sure to save your records for four years. Consult MoDOT's [IFTA and IRP Recordkeeping Booklet](#) for more details.

WORK WITH US IN WORK ZONES

Highway crews and contractors are already hard at work on repair, bridge work and other projects.

Please work with us by obeying signs and instructions, minding your speed and driving with extra care around work zones. That will help all of us get home safely.

Want a heads up about impactful work zones on Missouri interstates and U.S. Routes? Sign up for our email service - or update your subscription - by visiting our [sign-up page](#). Choose Incident/Corridor Reports to receive the weekly work zone report.



PROCESSING SYSTEM CREDIT BALANCES

Adjustments happen.

At times, carriers see a system credit balance noted on their account dashboard.

- If the amount is negative, it is owed to MoDOT.
- If the amount is positive, it is owed to the carrier.

Whether owed or due, the amount will adjust when the carrier next accesses the payment function in the program where the funds/arrears reside. For example, if someone makes a mistake when calculating IFTA and owes IFTA fees, the next time they access an IFTA **payment screen**, the funds will add to the amount due.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see examples of IFTA and IRP invoices and the steps needed to resolve system credit balances. This instruction is posted on the IRP and IFTA pages of www.modot.org/MCS.

REPORT WHAT YOU SEE, SET SOMEONE FREE

It's often said that professional drivers are the guardians of the highway. In many cases, that's true. By the nature of the work, drivers also see things hidden from most people.

If you come across a situation that makes you wonder if a person is being forced to perform some kind of work or criminal activity, don't approach the suspected trafficker. Call the National Human Trafficking Hotline or 911 to report "suspected human trafficking activity."

Learn what to report and how by visiting the hotline's website:

humantraffickinghotline.org/en or Missouri's trafficking website - dps.mo.gov/human-trafficking/

You can also call – 1-888-373-7888, text - 233733 or event chat with the hotline via www.humantraffickinghotline.org/chat.

Women, men and children are trafficked for all manner of work including forced labor, people smuggling, forced criminal activity and sexual exploitation. If you see a situation that makes you wonder, please call. You could help someone regain their freedom.



OSOW TIPS

Ordering blanket permits

If you need multiple blanket permits – or plan to assign multiple truck/tractor units on the blanket application - consider starting the process by depositing enough funds to cover all the permits into your escrow account before ordering. The payment processing fee for a single payment is often lower than the total cost for individual permits.



Looking to create a blanket permit exactly like last year's? Look up the permit or application number. Once the number is displayed, draw the cursor across to highlight the number and look to the bottom right-hand section of the page for a "Renew Blanket" button. Click this button to copy all the information into a blanket permit for this year. Verify all information is correct before proceeding to the payment page.

RENEWAL AND FILING CALENDAR

MARCH

1 - IRP - Carriers with plates that expire March 31 must pay renewal fees by this date to avoid a late payment fee.

APRIL

1- IRP - The last day to apply for renewal of apportioned license plates that expire June 30. Late fees apply after this date.

17 - Missouri Operating Authority, Household Goods Carrier and Passenger Carrier - financial statements due.

17-21 - National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week Work with us to protect yourself and others in work zones year-round.

30 - IFTA 1st Quarter returns are due.

MAY

8 - MoDOT- Truman's Birthday State Holiday - MoDOT offices closed.

29 - MoDOT - Memorial Day - MoDOT offices closed.

MODOT OFFERS FREE TRAINING ON ONLINE SYSTEM & SAFETY REGS

CREDENTIALING AND PERMITTING

IFTA

PROCESSING QUARTERLY TAX RETURNS IN MCE

April 13, 1 - 2:30 p.m. - [Click to enroll](#)

IRP

PROCESSING APPORTIONED PLATE RENEWALS AND SUPPLEMENTS (TRANSACTIONS)

March 15, 9 - 10:30 am - [Click to Enroll](#)

OVERSIZE OVERWEIGHT PERMITTING

PROCESSING SINGLE TRIP AND BLANKET PERMITS IN MCE

April 12, 9 - 10:30 a.m. - [Click to enroll](#)

GENERAL SAFETY TRAINING

An in-depth look at safety regulations and recordkeeping requirements.

Online training is offered from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in a 4-day format, with each day dedicated to specific regulatory parts. This allows for flexibility in your session scheduling.

In-person training takes place from 8:30 a.m. to noon and is completed in one day. All classes are offered free of charge.

In-Person - Click on the location to enroll

March 2 - [Kansas City/Lee's Summit](#)

March 8 - [St. Louis/Chesterfield](#)

March 9 - [Jefferson City](#)

March 24 - [Springfield](#)

Online - Click on the topic to enroll

May 22, [Part 396 Vehicle Maintenance](#)

May 23, [Part 382 - Drug and Alcohol](#)



May 24, [Part 395 - Hours of Service](#)
May 25, [Part 391- Driver Qualification](#)

Visit www.modot.org/safety-credentials-training for MCS' training schedule.

Dates to Note

MISSOURI STATE HOLIDAYS

MoDOT Offices Closed

2023

May 8 - Truman's Birthday
May 29 - Memorial Day
June 19 - Juneteenth
July 4 - Independence Day
Sept. 4 - Labor Day
Oct. 9 - Columbus Day
Nov. 10 - Veterans Day
Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

OSOW HOLIDAY RESTRICTIONS

During these periods, oversized loads are not allowed to use Missouri highways.

2022

Thanksgiving - Nov. 23 - Nov. 28

Christmas - Dec. 23 - Dec. 26

New Year's Day - Dec. 30 - Jan. 2, 2023

Restricted periods begin at noon on the first day and end 30 minutes before sunrise on the last day.



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